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SUBJ: SECOND "NO SHOW" BY SOVIET FISHERY MINISTER

1. FOR THE SECOND TIME IN TWO WEEKS, SOVIET FISHERY

MINISTER ISHKOV FAILED TO ATTEND A MEETING WHICH HAD BEEN ARRANGED AT HIS REQUEST WITH EC COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH

AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EC COUNCIL PRESIDENCY COUNTRY (THE UK). THIS TIME, HOWEVER, ISHKOV HAD FORMALLY ACCEPTED THE PROPOSED DATE OF JUNE 7 AND GAVE NO ADVANCE

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NOTICE THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND, LEAVING COMMISSION OFFICIALS AND UK MINISTER OF STATE TOMLINSON (WHO HAD FLOWN OVER FROM LONDON ESPECIALLY FOR THE OCCASION) TO COOL THEIR HEELS. EC COUNCIL AND COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY THE SOVIETS HAVE OFFERED NO REASONABLE EXCUSE FOR ISHKOV'S NON-APPEARANCE BUT THEY BELIEVE HE DID NOT COME BECAUSE HE REALIZED IT WAS STILL TOO EARLY

TO RESOLVE THE POLITICAL ISSUES IN THE EC-USSR FISHERY
NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ALTHOUGH ISHKOV DID NOT COME, A THREE-MAN TEAM OF
SOVIET FISHERY OFFICIALS DID APPEAR AND HAD TWO DAYS OF
"EXPLORATORY" DISCUSSIONS WITH EC COMMISSION WORKING LEVEL
OFFICIALS (DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES SIMMONET) IN THE
BERLAYMONT BUILDING. THE ONLY MEMBER STATE REPRESENTED
WAS THE UK AS THE PRESIDENCY COUNTRY. THESE MEETINGS
WERE CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH RESOLVING REMAINING ISSUES
IN THE FISHERY AGREEMENT, AND, ACCORDING TO SIMMONET,
CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE. THE USSR HAS NOW AGREED
THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL BE DESCRIBED AS BEING BETWEEN THE
USSR AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (AS IN THE US-EC
GIFA). THE SOVIETS WISH TO ASSURE THAT IF ISHKOV SIGNS
FOR THE USSR, A SUITABLY SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE COUNTRY
HOLDING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENCY (PROBABLY BELGIUM) WILL
SIGN FOR THE EC. THE TERRITORIAL APPLICABILITY CLAUSE
WAS NOT DISCUSSED AND IS BEING RESERVED FOR THE MEETING
WITH ISHKOV WHICH THE SOVIETS HOPE CAN NOW BE HELD ON
JUNE 23 ACCORDING TO SIMMONET. THE SOVIETS ARE STILL
PRESSING FOR SOME INDICATION AS TO HOW MUCH FISH THEY
CAN EXPECT UNDER THE AGREEMENT, A REQUEST THE EC FINDS
HARD TO SATISFY EVEN ON A TENTATIVE BASIS UNTIL THE EC
COUNCIL APPROVES THE INTERNAL EC FISHERY REGIME AND
DECIDES ON QUOTAS FOR THE MEMBER STATES, HOPEFULLY AT THE
SPECIAL FISHERY COUNCIL ON JUNE 27.HINTON

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